(b) Establishment of prawn/shrimp seed hatchery @ 10% of cost upto Rs. 1.00 lakh/hatchery.

5. Welfare of fishermen

The subsidy is provided for the following components:—

(a) Construction of houses Rs. 40,000/- per dwelling unit.

(b) Saving-cum-relief Rs. 600/- per annum per fishermen for marine and @ Rs. 450/- per annum per fishermen for inland.

(c) Accidence insurance—Insurance premium is subsidized.

Remunerative Price for Groundnut

1335. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that groundnut growers in Gujarat and some other States are not getting remunerative price for their produce;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last two years, togetherwith the reasons therefor; and

(c) the remedial action proposed by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) In order to give remunerative prices to the groundnut growers, the Government had fixed Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Groundnut Pods of Fair Average Quality (FAQ) for 2000 and 2001 season at Rs. 1220 per quintal and Rs. 1340 per quintal respectively. The National Agricultural Co-operative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. (NAFED), a Central Nodal Agency was directed to undertake price support operations if prices touch MSP level. The market prices of groundnut pods during 2000 in the State of Gujarat ruled above MSP, as such no pruchases were required under the Scheme. However, at certain places in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Orissa prices ruled below MSP and accordingly market intervention was undertaken by NAFED. During 2001 also, as the market prices of groundnut pods, ruled below MSP in certain areas including in the state of Gujarat, NAFED through its cooperative network procured a quantity of 1,62,738 tonnes of groundnut pods as on 16.2.2002. Procurement was suspended after 31.1.2002 in states like Gujarat, Rajasthan

and Uttar Pradesh as market prices in these states stabilised above MSP. However, purchases in the States of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka are still in progress as prices of groundnut in certain centres in these states are ruling below MSP.

The state-wise purchases of groundnut pods under the scheme during last two years are given as under:

Qty. in MT

State	Kharif, 2000 Rabi 2001	Kharif, 2001
Gujarat	—	1,16,145
Rajasthan	—	27,794
Andhra Pradesh	28,099	14,128
Karnataka	609	2,651
Uttar Pradesh	—	2,020
Orissa	427	—
TOTAL	29,135	1,62,738

Crop Insurance

1336. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a plan has been formulated to provide crop insurance for two crore farmers during the next five years, to cover the farmers suffering losses due to natural calamities;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the phased annual programmes to cover the number of farmers, the sum for which they would be insured and the premium to be paid by them and/or subsidy to be extended by the Central Government/States to reduce their burden; and

(c) the norms/formulae laid down, if any, to determine the losses and to compensate farmers in the event of natural calamities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) No, Sir. National Agricultural Insurance Schemes (NAIS) was introduced in the country with effect from Rabi 1999-2000. The scheme is voluntary for the States/Union Territories. Therefore, only 21 States/UTs have opted in favour of the scheme. Again NAIS is optional